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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Lawton, R., Mermer, B., and Francoeur, G.**

Appl. No. 09/281,760

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For: **SPECIFIC BINDING PROTEINS
FOR TREATING CANINE
ALLERGY**



Art Unit: 1643

Examiner: Ewoldt, G.

Atty. Docket: 03604-0002-US01

Response To Requirement For Election Of Species

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2000, Applicants hereby provisionally elects Group I, the species of claim 6. Claims 1-2, 6-11, 15-17, 21-23, 27-30, 34-37, and 41-43, read on such species. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

Applicants assert the right to claim additional species in the event that a generic claim thereto is found to be allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a). This election is made **without traverse**. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby

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